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## ARIZONA EDUCATION MOVES TO STORES Students Learn Consumer Savvy

(Phoenix) More than 350 students from five schools across the state will have a chance to put their math skills and classroom learning to the test. Arizona Department of Agriculture staff will hold interactive workshops for the students at grocery stores in Avondale, Glendale, Phoenix, Tucson and Yuma.

"State Departments can plan an important role in educating Arizona's children," said Mark Killian, Department of Agriculture director. "These opportunities allow our staff to help youngsters understand how math, science and units of measure apply in their daily lives."

Department staff show students how to read grocery store labels and signs; learn the value of a product in relation to quantity or weight; and learn how to be a smarter consumer.

Monday February 27 Glendale Sprouts - 5665 W. Bell Rd. Glendale 85308

Time: 9:00 a.m.

School: Challenge Charter School (77 Students)

Tuesday February 28 **Yuma** Albertsons – 252 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> St. Yuma 85364

Time: 9:00 a.m.

School: Palmcroft Elementary School (85 Students)

Wednesday March 1st **Tucson** – Food City – 20000 E. Irvington Rd. Tucson 85706

Time: 9:00 a.m.

School: Esperanza Elementary (87 Students)

Thursday March 2nd **Phoenix** Walmart Supercenter 6145 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Ave Phoenix 85017

Time: 11:00 a.m.

School: Pueblo Del Sol Middle School (40 Students)

Friday March 3rd **Avondale** Fry's – 10675 W. Indian School Rd Avondale 85392

Time: 9:00 a.m.

School: Sonoran Sky Elementary (75 Students)

The Division of Weights and Measures investigators check pricing, scales, fuel meters and quality to make sure consumers take home what they pay for and to provide fair competition among businesses. The Department, the Arizona Food Marketing Alliance and staff from Albertsons, Food City, Fry's, Sprouts and Walmart work together on the workshops.

The hands-on program celebrates National Weights and Measures week commemorating <u>President John Quincy Adams</u> signing the first Weights and Measures law in 1799. He acknowledged that "weights and measures may be ranked among the necessities of life to every individual of human society."

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